

## What is Play?

- *It is dynamic, active and constructive behavior*
- *It is a necessary and integral part of childhood*
- *It is a time when children integrate all domains of learning*
- *It is what children do best*
- *It is focused on process not product*
- *It is self-correcting*
- *It is a time when a child's mind is actively engaged in interacting with the environment*
- *It is the linking of educational goals, objectives, and outcomes to one or more of the significant characteristics of play*
- *It is the vehicle through which a teacher is able to teach specific educational goals*
- *It is empowering to children*
- *It is meaningful opportunities for children to construct their own knowledge*
- *It is purposefully planned play experiences*
- *It is learning at its best*
- *It is a low-stress climate that encourages creative problem-solving, divergent thinking and risk taking*
- *It is a relevant context for authentic assessment*
- *It is an opportunity for children to develop positive dispositions toward learning*

